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Larry O'Connor spoke on National Truth and Reconciliation Day at HSAD Sept. 30. See the story on page 6. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*



Dysart mayor, locals fume at gas costs

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey is taking aim at Haliburton County's gasoline re-sellers, questioning why prices remain so high at Highlands pumps compared to other nearby areas.

Expressing his frustrations at a Sept. 24 Dysart council meeting, Fearrey said the

rapid increase in fuel costs in recent years is making life difficult for County residents, a tough pill for the mayor to swallow given most locals need a car to get to and from work and to live their lives.

"It's not really a municipal issue, it's not in our mandate to focus on or be worried about, but I am worried. This affects our citizens in

a huge way," Fearrey said.

On his recent travels, Fearrey noted the price point for gasoline to be much cheaper in communities such as Lindsay, Peterborough, and Orillia than the County. Early last week, gas could be bought at the Haliburton Mobil for \$1.56 per litre – it was a couple cents cheaper at gas bars in Minden,

but as much as 20 cents cheaper at pumps in Kawartha Lakes.

Fearrey has reached out to owners of local stations to find out why the disparity is so significant. He said he's yet to hear a reasonable explanation.

"When you start talking about a price

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Costs more to haul gas to rural areas

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difference of 60 or 70 cents per gallon, that's an awful lot. I want to see if there's a way to improve on that. See what the rationale is for hiking up the price here," Fearrey said.

Expert answers

Prices have fallen over the past seven days, with gas available in Haliburton for \$1.48 per litre on Oct. 1, \$1.46 in Minden, and \$1.50 in Wilberforce. To Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis with the website GasBuddy, that's a typical fluctuation in today's market.

"Because we have a global market, the price of oil is constantly changing at a moment's notice," De Haan said.

He said the industry took a massive hit during the pandemic, with global demand slowing to a snail's pace through much of 2020 and early 2021. This brought prices way down, to less than 80 cents per litre across much of Ontario.

Petroleum producers lost billions in a matter of months, De Haan said.

"When the price was so low, producers threw in the towel. They stopped producing until the market improved," he noted.

That turn came in 2022, with prices eclipsing the \$2 per litre mark in most areas by that summer. The quick rise was blamed on Russia's invasion of Ukraine, with De Haan saying the market is quick to react to major world events.

"We went from one side of the extreme where there was no demand at all for gas, which drove prices down and caused supply to drop. When the economy reopened, demand increased very quickly and was exacerbated by one of the world's largest oil producers invading another country – the risk

of disruption of action to oil markets was increased... so prices went up," De Haan said.

Cost breakdown

The Canadian Fuels Association (CFA) said there are four key components to pricing gas in Canada – the cost of crude oil, wholesale prices, retail mark-up, and taxes.

A 2023 CFA report found the average price at pumps in Toronto that year was \$1.54 – of that, 64 cents went to crude costs (42 per cent), 50.3 cents to taxes (31 per cent), 31.6 cents to refiners' operating margins (21 per cent), and 8.9 cents (six per cent) to the selling business.

De Haan said most retail stations have profit margins between five and 15 cents per litre. He feels the County's rates are fair.

"Ultimately, it sounds like there might be a real aggressive competitor down the road [in Lindsay and Orillia] that is keeping prices down. Some stations are willing to take less of a profit margin if it's new... the reality too is it costs more hauling gasoline to rural areas, so that might be why you're seeing a bigger difference," De Haan said.

Dysart Ward 4 coun. Carm Sawyer, who runs West Guilford Auto Centre, said when he was in the gasoline business several years ago, he was charged 10 cents per litre more for wholesale fuel than stations in Minden were charging customers.

The Highlander reached out to several stations to explain their methods for pricing gas but could not secure an interview. Thea Bourne, spokesperson for BG Fuels, which owns Haliburton Mobil, said in an email, "it is BG Fuels' standard policy to not comment publicly regarding the management of its retail fuel prices."



Minden resident Alan Cook gives a thumbs down while refueling at a local gas station, saying he's unhappy with the rapid increase in fuel costs since 2022. Photo by Mike Baker.

Local reaction

Alan Cook was filling his truck in Minden Sept. 27.

"It's a bargain compared to what it was about two months ago, but it's still outrageous. We seem to get robbed quite nicely up here – I have a cottage in Penetanguishene and gas is always cheaper in Orillia," Cook said, estimating price increases since 2020 have added an extra \$100 to his commute from Minden.

Ashley Willoughby said she and her husband work outside the County and are now paying hundreds of dollars a month more for fuel than they were before the pandemic. The Minden resident said she often feels trapped at home as there isn't much money left over for big outings.

Living on a fixed income, retired Haliburton resident Scott Spong said he's been forced into adjusting his driving habits.

"Everything is planned out now. No more driving back and forth to get a loaf of bread – instead of 10 little trips I have to make sure I know what I need and where I'm going, because it'll be a few days before I'm in town again," Spong said.

De Haan warned residents current rates are likely here to stay.

"I think this may be the new norm – Canada's carbon tax is going up every year... there's going to be a continued rise regardless of how low the price of oil goes," he said, with a barrel of crude running approximately \$94 as of Oct. 2.

"I hear a lot of people saying things like 'the price of oil is a lot lower than in 2008, so why am I paying a whole lot more?' That's because taxes have gone up, the cost of doing business has gone up. There's been a lot of core inflation on the price of gasoline," De Haan added.

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Townships weigh in on school busing

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter said he and Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey are requesting a meeting with Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) about a recent busing decision that is forcing some elementary and high school students to walk what they consider to be long distances to schools.

The board's new policy means elementary-aged students living within 1.6 kilometres of school, and high school students within 3.2 kilometres, aren't being bused any more. It is mainly affecting Minden Hills and Dysart et al, with only one family in Wilberforce, and none in Cardiff, impacted.

Carolynne Bull, TLDSB communications lead, said the review completed in Haliburton and Minden is similar to ones done in Bracebridge, Huntsville, Kirkfield, Kilworthy, and Fenelon Falls.

"These reviews look at whether exceptional conditions exist and whether changes are needed," Bull said. "During the Haliburton/Minden review, it was noted the conditions in the villages... are similar to those in other areas of review and similar to the conditions across TLDSB for schools without any exception areas," she said. "Sidewalks are not a factor in the board's decision-making. Posted speed does play a factor, though posted 40km/h [zones are] considered safe," she added.

The decision is not sitting well with parents, such as Karin Kleer of Minden. In a letter tabled at council's Sept. 26 meeting, she said,

"the walk to school of 1.6 km is a safety issue in itself. It is too far for children to be expected to walk, some as young as three years old. How many adults walk 1.6 km back and forth to their place of work five days per week?"

"In inclement weather, the safety risk is even more of a danger to the children. With buses already travelling past the driveways of our little citizens, why is TLDSB not continuing to bus these students, thereby ensuring their safety? The safety of our community's children should be paramount."

Crossing guards

Coun. Shirley Johannessen said she shared Kleer's concerns, especially around the busy intersection of Water Street and Bobcaygeon Road. She has already asked the township to beef up safety at the busy crossroads, investigating flashing lights for the pedestrian crosswalk.

At last Thursday's meeting, she added she thinks it is time for the township to hire a school crossing guard and a spare.

"A trained, highly-visible person to manage traffic, and assist with crossing at busy intersections where the risk of vehicle-pedestrian collisions is high," the ward 1 councillor said. She added the crossing guard and spare could come under township bylaw.

Coun. Tammy McKelvey said the busing decision is a major concern. "Not just Bobcaygeon Road and Water Street, there's kids that are walking down Bobcaygeon Road from up past the cemetery in the winter



Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter is questioning a TLDSB busing change. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

with no sidewalks, or down Deep Bay Road with no sidewalks, and plows going by, and the stupidity of it is the buses they rode on last year are also going by them."

She called for a meeting with TLDSB, as "I struggle to understand anybody making this decision. Did they actually drive these roads and see what kind of risk we are putting our children at?"

Carter said he and Fearrey have requested a meeting, although he noted the area has a school board trustee, Gary Brohman. "We intend to put all the pressure we can on the school board. The next approach is the provincial government directly."

Brohman would not publicly comment on the change, only to say it will be reviewed in 2025. He said it was a staff procedural decision, which is out of trustees' hands. Brohman said he is being

contacted by parents and is directing them to superintendent of business service, Tim Ellis, and director of education, Wes Hahn.

CAO Cynthia Fletcher said staff would report back in October with regards to crossing guards, while any physical changes, such as flashing crosswalk signs, would be discussed as part of the 2025 budget.

Bull told *The Highlander* the director and/or superintendent of business services had not received a request to meet by either mayor as of press time.

"The walking conditions in the villages of Minden and Haliburton are similar to those in other areas and the review that was conducted ensured the rules are being equitably applied across TLDSB," she said. "Questions about sidewalks and sidewalk conditions can be directed to the municipality."

Low-cost rabies clinic coming to Haliburton this weekend

This fall, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR District Health Unit) is teaming up again with participating veterinarians throughout the City of Kawartha Lakes, County of Haliburton and Northumberland County to provide reduced-cost rabies vaccination clinics.

The clinics are intended to assist pet owners with financial challenges to ensure all animals have access to important immunizations.

Rabies is a deadly viral disease that affects the central nervous system of warm-blooded mammals, including humans. The

most common transmitters of the disease in Ontario are bats, foxes, skunks, and raccoons; however infected pets and other domestic animals can also spread rabies. Rabies can be transmitted to humans when there is contact with the saliva of an infected mammal through a bite, scratch or licking of an open wound.

"The HKPR District Health Unit has investigated 520 animal bite or scratch exposures since the beginning of 2024," said Richard Ovcharovich, manager of environmental health with the HKPR District Health Unit. "You can help protect the health of your four-legged friends by

ensuring your dog or cat is up to date on vaccinations."

Rabies vaccination of pets and some livestock is the only mandatory vaccination of animals in Ontario. Pet owners must ensure their cats, dogs, and ferrets are vaccinated against rabies at three months old, and ensure the animal is reimmunized against rabies by the date specified in the certificate of immunization.

"We want to thank the participating veterinary offices who are making these important clinics available to our communities," Ovcharovich said. "By offering more clinics and dates this fall we

can reach more people and more pets. If you are a pet owner who faces financial challenges, then the clinics are for you."

In Haliburton, Dr. Israel Arteaga will visit Pet Valu, 231 Highland St., Haliburton from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6. Rabies vaccine is \$30. Microchip will also be available for an additional \$30. Cash only. No appointments are needed. Dogs must remain on a leash and cats must be in a secure carrier. Owners should bring proof of their pet's most recent rabies vaccinations if available. For more information, visit hkpr.on.ca/rabies. (Lisa Gervais).



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'TLDSB director of education Wes Hahn said it's been a smooth return to the classroom for students'. *File.*

TLDSB NEWS

Smooth start

It's been four weeks since Haliburton County students returned to the classroom, with Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) lead Wes Hahn saying it's been the smoothest back-to-school transition he's been involved in.

Schools reopened Sept. 4, with Hahn saying early reports from principals suggest it will be a good year for learning.

"We have our strategic plan... and staff knows exactly what it is they're trying to accomplish. Knowing what to do gives them confidence to go back to their skills and keep moving along without having changes all the time (like with COVID). I think that makes a difference," Hahn said.

The director said TLDSB's new "out of sight" policy for cell phone use in the classroom is working, while staff are making headway with issues around vaping and safety in washrooms. All three were identified as key concerns by youth in a student survey last spring.

It was reported at a Sept. 24 board meeting that TLDSB saw a slight increase in actual enrolment for the new school year versus projected, with 16,899 elementary and secondary students registered as of Sept. 16. In the spring, the board anticipated having 16,767 students enrolled.

Archie Stouffer Elementary School has 460 students, Cardiff Elementary School has 36 students, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School has 330 students, Stuart W. Baker Elementary School has 314 students, and Wilberforce Elementary School has 51 students.

Hal High has the second lowest student body at the secondary level within TLDSB, with 500 students enrolled this year.

A further 765 students are engaged in virtual learning, with 213 people registered in adult and alternate education.

Feed funds

Hahn said the board's Feed All Four fund is going strong, with a pair of summer fundraisers topping up the money pot by approximately \$12,300.

The initiative was launched in 2020, shortly after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, as a confidential and accessible way for TLDSB to help families in need. Money is used to buy gift cards for essential items such as food, gas, clothing, and toiletries, which are then donated.

Over the past four years, the fund has supported more than 530 families within TLDSB's coverage area.

Outside of regular supplies, the school board has also helped finance new hearing aids and glasses for some students.

This year's fundraisers were the second-annual Feed All Four golf tournament, held at Muskoka Highlands Golf Course June 8, and an online silent auction that ran May 24 to June 8.

"Every penny will go to families requiring support, which we're thrilled about," Hahn said.

Busy summer

Superintendent Jay MacJanet said the board teamed up with community partners for School's Cool programming, with approximately 60 students attending. TLDSB worked with SIRCH Community Services in Haliburton County, with instruction happening at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. The program is designed to help those in junior and senior kindergarten feel more comfortable when they go to school.

At the secondary level, 196 students completed summer co-op – going out into the community and getting real life on-the-job work experience. Superintendent Kim Williams noted 15 students from Haliburton were enrolled. (TLDSB news compiled by Mike Baker).

Leave deer alone: Haliburton businessman

By Mike Baker

County resident Phil Primavera says he'll likely never stop feeding deer at his Haliburton Feed and Seed location on Mallard Road, no matter how many tickets he receives from Dysart et al's bylaw department.

It's been about 15 months since the township introduced legislation outlawing deer feeding in Haliburton village and residential areas on the north shore of Lake Kashagawigamog. The original bylaw, passed in July 2023, prohibited feeding in Ward 1 between May 1 and Sept. 30, though an update last November made it a blanket ban – meaning no deer to be fed at any time.

Violators face a \$150 fine each time they're caught feeding. Primavera said he received two tickets earlier this summer.

"The first time I was charged was about three months ago, the ticket was filled out incorrectly. Then they came back a couple of days later and issued me with another ticket – I didn't pay either of them," Primavera said, noting the township opted not to follow through on the first offence, with the second thrown out in court.

The entrepreneur said he's been feeding deer on Mallard Road for about four years. He gives them carrots and "supplementary treats" like corn and molasses. Seven full-grown deer and a couple fawns could be seen wandering the Feed and Seed property Sept. 27.

Primavera said he gets a kick out of seeing the animals – he and his wife raise deer at their small family farm – and doesn't see that changing any time soon. He told Dysart council last week he has no plans to stop feeding them.

"I just like them – I moved up from the city where it isn't a normal thing to see a deer wandering around. I think it's amazing you can walk out your front door and have these animals right there. I see them every day and never get bored of it," Primavera said. "To me, feed them, don't feed them – I don't care what you do. This is more about property rights to me."

He believes the township is wasting valuable time and resources on a bylaw he says is difficult to enforce – for a ticket to be issued, someone has to be caught, either in-person or on camera, feeding deer. With it largely being complaint-based, Primavera is



Dysart resident Phil Primavera said he has no plans to stop feeding deer at his Haliburton Feed and Seed location on Mallard Road.
Photo by Mike Baker.

also worried about pitting neighbours against one another.

Hailey Cole, a Dysart bylaw officer, told *The Highlander* as of Sept. 30 the township has issued four tickets for deer feeding.

Primavera said he's not convinced the deer feeding bylaw is actually legal, referencing Ontario's Fish and Wildlife Act from 1997. Section 13 of the act states the Minister of Natural Resources is responsible for prohibiting or regulating the feeding of wildlife, not municipalities.

Cole said the bylaw was sent to MNR for review before being adopted.

"The only comment we received was to ensure the bylaw does not interfere with baiting of deer for the purpose of hunting," she said, noting an exception was included.

Many communities across Ontario have bylaws regulating feeding of wild animals, including Toronto, Thunder Bay, Midland, and Bracebridge.

Petition launched

Primavera understands the rationale behind wanting a ban, saying he's not completely

against one. But he feels there are better ways for the township to achieve its objectives.

While considering a bylaw, council heard how the increased presence of deer has led to more accidents on Haliburton's roads, with residents Mike and Debra Landry estimating there to be around 100 collisions between animal and vehicle annually. Others complained about deer destroying their personal gardens.

"I'd focus more on education in town – why the deer are here. Deer like to be in open areas to feel safe, that's why they're coming into town, not just because people are feeding them," Primavera said. "I'm probably one of the only guys raising deer in this town – the caloric nutrition one deer needs during the day to survive, a town the size of Haliburton would never be able to completely provide for the population."

He's offered to help train people on when and what to feed the deer, estimating there to be around 150 of the wild animals living in Ward 1.

Shelley Stiles, owner of Country Rose,

supported the bylaw last year. She said deer regularly frequent her Hwy. 118 property.

She told *The Highlander* Oct. 2 the deer remain an issue, regularly eating her stock. A new eight-foot fence is currently being installed in an attempt to keep them away.

Primavera has launched a petition calling for the immediate repealing of the bylaw, signed by about 420 people. He plans to deliver it to Dysart council Oct. 22.

"I don't think this bylaw is in the best interest of the deer, the town, or the people... we live in Haliburton. We're not a metropolis or a concrete jungle, we're literally in a forest. If people want to feed deer on their property, they should be allowed to do it," he said.

Mayor Murray Fearrey said council has no plans to revisit the issue.

"We're actually hearing from some of the rural areas that this is working, they're not seeing as many deer," Fearrey said. "There's no appetite to kill the bylaw. We'll look at it after a year, see what's good, how reasonable things are, and what we can improve."



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O'Connor speaks reconcili-action at HSAD

By Lisa Gervais

While wearing orange T-shirts recognizes children who never returned home from residential schools, or survived colonial institutions, what's really needed is reconciliation, Larry O'Connor told students and staff at Haliburton School of Art + Design during National Truth and Reconciliation Day Sept. 30.

O'Connor has been on a years-long journey to rediscover his culture after being raised in Oshawa. However, he was born Anishinaabe Odawa, his home community is Shesheganwaning on Manitoulin Island, and he is from the Bear Clan.

He brought his eagle teaching staff to the college this past Monday, spoke about National Truth and Reconciliation Day, and offered tobacco and smudging to participants.

"Truth and reconciliation is a journey. It's a long journey," O'Connor said.

He travelled to Sault Ste. Marie to go through the archives of a residential school there. He found his great grandmother and a great-aunt. He shared some of the comments written adjacent to his great-aunt's name; "holy untaught, didn't speak English." O'Connor said it was because she spoke her

own language.

"Our ancestors, our family members went there (to residential schools). Some came home, some didn't," O'Connor said.

He added the orange T-shirts recognize that so many lives were lost and must not be forgotten, as "there's not an Indigenous person on Turtle Island that hasn't been impacted by the residential schools."

He said he had heard numbers as high as 69 per cent did not survive residential schools, with graduation rates of just seven to eight per cent, delivering those graduates jobs such as domestics or blacksmiths, where they learned to use their hands, but not their language. "If they spoke their language, they were punished."

He talked about missing and murdered indigenous women, and the red hand symbol against this.

"Reconciliation requires a lot of good work... and ceremonies. Ceremonies are important. We still have some of our medicines, languages weren't lost. Had governments been successful, they would have been lost. They're not."

He noted treaties allowed people at the college to be on Indigenous land, and his people were glad to share their land, but

"there are truths that have to be taught. That's what truth and reconciliation is all about."

"If it wasn't for an uprising on an Indian reserve because of a golf course expansion (Oka crisis), we wouldn't have had that Royal Commission struck... that they dragged out as long as they possibly could... we wouldn't have those 94 calls to action."

"We recognize in that process so many of our women were gone missing. Another commission had to be held. Two-hundred-and-thirty-one (231) calls for justice came out of that."

"Next time there's an election going on, or someone wants to go to Ottawa, ask them about that. What are you going to do that's different?"

"We can do something. We can have a conversation. They're good conversations. Sometimes they're hard conversations... sometimes it's tough. That's a good reason why we smudge, too, because it takes some of that burden off of us."

He ended his talk with, "it's easy for us to remember Remembrance Day because it's been around for a long time. This is a conversation that we're only having now. But the truth is that this needed to happen even before the last Remembrance Day. This



Larry O'Connor spoke on National Truth and Reconciliation Day at HSAD Sept. 30.

Photo by Lisa Gervais.

is something that is part of our history; a sad part of history of Canada before it was Canada."

O'Connor hosts Tales from the Big Canoe on CanoeFM the last Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., rerunning the Friday at 11 a.m. The Township of Minden Hills also raised a Truth and Reconciliation flag at its municipal office building Sept. 26.

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Miriam Echeverria, who was executive chef at Dimensions Algonquin Highlands for three years before leaving this summer, will appear on season 11 of *Top Chef Canada*. Submitted.

Stirring positivity on Top Chef

By Mike Baker

Since leaving her hometown in Veracruz, Mexico 15 years ago, Miriam Echeverria said she has had three primary life goals – move to Canada, become a Canadian citizen, and score herself a spot on TV with *Top Chef Canada*.

The 11th season of the long-running Food Network Canada show premieres Oct. 14 with Echeverria, until recently the executive chef at Dimensions Algonquin Highlands, one of 10 confirmed contestants. She'll compete for national excellence in a series of gruelling culinary challenges, with the winner declared the country's best chef and earning \$100,000.

Echeverria, who specializes in French and Italian cuisine, said it's been a surreal year. After celebrating her second anniversary with Dimensions last winter, she received an invitation to apply for *Top Chef Canada* and jumped on it.

"I was working in Toronto when the first season aired [in 2011], one of my good friends, Rob Rossi, was on it. He finished in second place, and I remember following the whole process – him being away for filming,

then watching the show with him and the rest of the team once he was back, it was very inspiring," Echeverria said.

She went on to have her first taste of TV a few years later, appearing on *Chopped Canada*, and while that experience helped to prepare her for the stress and pressure of cooking in front of a live camera, it was small fry compared to *Top Chef*.

Echeverria said she used her big opportunity to try and set an example for change in an industry renowned for brash personalities and toxic workplace culture.

"I was most excited to just show up, meet the other competitors, create new bonds and friendships – to me, that's the important thing," she said. "This is personal for me, but I wanted to show that as a chef you can also be human. A lot of time we normalize bad environments and abuse in the industry – I think you can be a great chef without having to minimize people.

"That was my contribution to the show, as well as my cooking. Just being positive and showing you don't need a big ego to be in one of the best competitions. You can just be yourself," she added.

Honing her skills at Toronto restaurants such as Greta Solomon's, Lunita, and Mercatto, Echeverria said her approach to cooking is "very humble, not pretentious at all" and that she likes to showcase different vegetables. She said her time at Dimensions, where she would often forage the forest for mushrooms and other edibles, helped her on the show.

She left her position with the resort, located on Maple Lake, in June – returning home to Mexico to care for her ailing mother.

Echeverria visited this past weekend to say goodbye to a community and friends she says she'll cherish for the rest of her life.

"It has been a blessing to be part of this community... Dimensions was like my own healing retreat too," she said, noting prior to moving north from Toronto she was considering leaving the industry. "I'm now looking forward to getting back at it with a different mentality, with different skills as a chef that I learned by being in a place as welcoming, as full of nature as Haliburton.

"Now I can say I'll always carry a piece of this community with me," Echeverria concluded.

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Too big to succeed?

Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) was formed in 1998 - with the amalgamation of the Victoria County Board of Education, the Muskoka Board of Education, and the Haliburton County Board of Education.

Today, the board covers a geographically-large and diverse region in the heart of Ontario's cottage country.

It's a superboard in size, alright; approximately 11,500 sq. km. There are 16,899 students at its 40 elementary schools, seven secondary schools, and six alternate education and training centres.

While the government of the day pitched the boards as 'too big to fail' one wonders, as the *National Post* touched on in a 2022 piece, if they are too big to succeed.

Case in point the prickly procedural decision to make students walk 1.6 km to elementary schools and 3.2 km to high school this year, when they were bused in the past.

Perhaps this policy works well in urban Lindsay and Bracebridge, but how about on the more rural roads coming in and out of Haliburton and Minden? The busing review done in the County's two main towns is apparently similar to ones done in

Bracebridge, Huntsville, Kirkfield, Kilworthy and Fenelon Falls.

Incidentally, TLDSB doesn't factor in things such as sidewalks in these reviews. Posted speed limits do factor in. In other words, it is up to Dysart et al and Minden Hills to put in sidewalks if they believe students are at risk. Perhaps, they could get around the speed limit issue by suddenly making all roads upwards of 40 km/hr in town, but they are not likely to do that for safety reasons.

The recent decision not to open Hal High's cafeteria is also clearly questionable, as discussed in a recent editorial by Mike Baker. The fact the board is going with a contract for all schools - and that contractor cannot find sufficient staff - should result in TLDSB adopting a common-sense approach and finding alternatives, such as hiring a local who has offered to run the caf in Haliburton.

It appears to us that the role of elected officials - trustees - has also been watered down. In the days of the Haliburton County Board of Education, board members were allowed to freely express their opinions about issues. Today, trustees have to close ranks and speak as one board. There is no room for dissension lest they be slapped on the wrist.

More and more, the message is controlled by communications hires.

It's no wonder parents and the community feel disenfranchised by seemingly silly decisions.

We used to live in a world where communities could come up with their own solutions. Nowadays, the ship has often sailed before constituents even know about a problem or change.

It all reminds me of studying journalism at Carleton University back in the days of the dinosaur. Profs had us read Marshall McLuhan's *The Medium is the Message*.

McLuhan created the phrase to mean that the form of a medium embeds itself in the message, creating a symbiotic relationship by which the medium influences how the message is perceived. With all due respect to the hard-working folks at TLDSB, and our duly-elected school board trustee, one wonders if TLDSB is indeed too big to succeed.



By Lisa Gervais

JOURNEYING TOGETHER Equity living

It occurs to me that we, in Haliburton County, express how fortunate we are to be living in this beautiful area. We are, but beauty does not dictate equity for all.

Unfortunately, it depends on where you live. You may not have the same living experience as someone you meet weekly in your local grocery stores.

Living in Canada dictates to me human rights, built on a foundation of equity. As Canadians, we have placed a lot of emphasis on human rights, and the importance of them. All Canadians, wherever they reside, expect it. But do we all enjoy equity? I'd have to say no.

What is equity? Equity ensures all people have access to what's being offered, no matter what your capacity is. For example, in our public schools, a student who doesn't have the ability to read, for whatever reason, will move through system processes that will give them the opportunity to access technology and support, to ensure they have access to the written word. These tools are provided to these 'students of need' through a process that legally provides these tools for them. The same goes for children with physical and mental health challenges. If the

child needs a tool for mobility, they will have the opportunity to receive it. Equity isn't about everyone getting the same thing. It's about putting things in place to ensure that all have the same or similar opportunities for success, in whatever area you choose. It's a balancing tool.

As we live in our communities and move outside of institutions, the system breaks down. Our seniors require tools to assist them, the same as youth, only without easy access. In supporting my 98-year-old mom, there is a breakdown in crucial services, the latest being wheelchair transit access. I know I am speaking to something that has been an issue for decades, but doesn't seem to be improving. There is no equity in our system when it comes to the physically-challenged and wheelchair-bound needing mobility.

It is limited and sometimes only available for medical-related appointments during regular working days. There is no comparison between rural and urban availability. Recently, I worked on getting wheelchair transit access for my mom to attend a family gathering. No service provided a wheelchair accessible ride outside of business hours, not on weekends, and not

for pleasure. I had to search for a taxi. I found one and it cost \$500 to get her half an hour there and back from her long-term care home. It would be totally restrictive for most.

We take pride in living in a province and County with so much. But we have so much further to go. If you happen to live in a large enough town or city, equity may not appear to be an issue. It is, though it may not be as prevalent or visible.

Living in Haliburton County is challenging for a lot of people, particularly seniors and youth. We are a rural community growing in population, with increased needs and challenges. There is no public transportation, limited housing, and access to services is not getting easier.

It is our right. If it is offered to some using tax dollars, it must be available for all. We, in Canada, in Haliburton County, must demand it to be so.

Peter Ferri is a member of Aging Together as Community.



By Peter Ferri



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LETTERS

STR bylaw update

Dear editor,

Dysart’s STR licensing bylaw should not be slightly delayed, as per Murray Fearrey’s comments, but should be paused until Dysart taxpayers get answers on the legality of this bylaw.

Dysart is different from the other townships, not only on their MAT tax but their zoning bylaw (ZBL). In Dysart’s ZBL, a dwelling is referred to as a home or residence and not a temporary accommodation. Whereas a dwelling in Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands is referred to as a residence or sleeping place for one or more persons temporarily or transiently. Dysart’s ZBL does define and include zoning for temporary accommodations for travelling or vacationing public but only in a Tourist Commercial (CT) Zone, not in residential zones.

So, is Dysart only going to license STR’s in CT zones? There has been no Official Plan or ZBL amendments to allow STR’s in residential zones as recommended by the consultants. We have asked council simple questions such as, “does the use of a residential property as a STR business conform to the Dysart zoning bylaw?” and “will properties operating a STR business require a variance or ZBL amendment?” The response from mayor Fearrey was “there are all kinds of legal opinions, the County has had numerous legal opinions on the ZBL and if somebody wants to challenge it they will do that.”

I think these questions are basic and as taxpayers we deserve answers to these simple questions without having to pay for a legal opinion. Apparently, Dysart and the County have legal opinions but will not share this information, even after a freedom of information request, so much for transparency. So, what happens if a legal opinion confirms that STR’s are not a legal use in Dysart residential zones? Will Dysart have to refund all those that applied for a STR license? Will STR’s have to shut down?

If you don’t like what’s happening, speak up at ‘Good Neighbours Dysart’ goodneighboursdysart.ca.

Christine & Jim Legge
Dysart

Wonderland road

Dear editor,

Thank you to the residents of Wonderland Road and adjacent properties for your unwavering support of our petition relating to the unacceptable condition of Wonderland Road.

According to Dysart et al news (*The Highlander* Sept. 26/24) Wonderland Road is now a ‘country lane.’ I have nothing whatsoever against country lanes, but how many country lanes have a posted speed limit of 50 km/h and whose residents have municipal sewer connections.

Regarding mayor Fearrey’s comment that he “didn’t think it was that terrible,” 65-plus residents drive this country lane every day and “don’t find it that terribly good.”

Wonderland Road is a thoroughfare used by many other vehicles, not just those residing

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Paul Zalan sent in this photo of dusk on Soyers Lake.

here. Anyone interested in reviewing “the letter” can contact the municipal office where I understand it is public information.

Jack & Sharon Sinclair
Wonderland Road, Haliburton

Walk, don't drive

Dear editor,

First, I would like to thank the mayor for taking time out of his busy schedule to drive down Wonderland Road.

I wish he’d taken the time to also walk it like many residents do. Then he would have seen the gravel piles on our properties, he would have felt how uneven the road is, felt the rocks fly up onto his legs as cars drive by and be lucky enough to get gravel in his shoes to bring back into his home.

The mayor stated, he “didn’t think it was that terrible.” Is that an industry standard? Could the mayor share with us his qualifications to make that decision? Could he also share what makes a road “just terrible” or “just good?”

It is a shame that council doesn’t have similar standards to hold a company accountable when they do not complete their

work satisfactorily. Or maybe they do and that standard is, “not that terrible.”

Robin Begin
Wonderland Road,, Haliburton

Take a breath and slow down

Dear editor,

Thank you for your recent coverage of the traffic speed question on North Shore Road.

As a longtime resident on the Maple Lake stretch of road, traffic speed and behaviour has been a concern for many years. (Anecdotaly, I believe I am seeing slower traffic just since your articles appeared).

My letter, however, concerns the use of data by Algonquin Highlands township based on the speed radar signs that were placed.

There seemed to be a level of satisfaction among staff and council with the fact that most drivers were at or below the posted limit. However, the issue is with the outlier drivers, the five per cent or so who quite dramatically exceeded the limit.

Data always needs a context. Specifically,

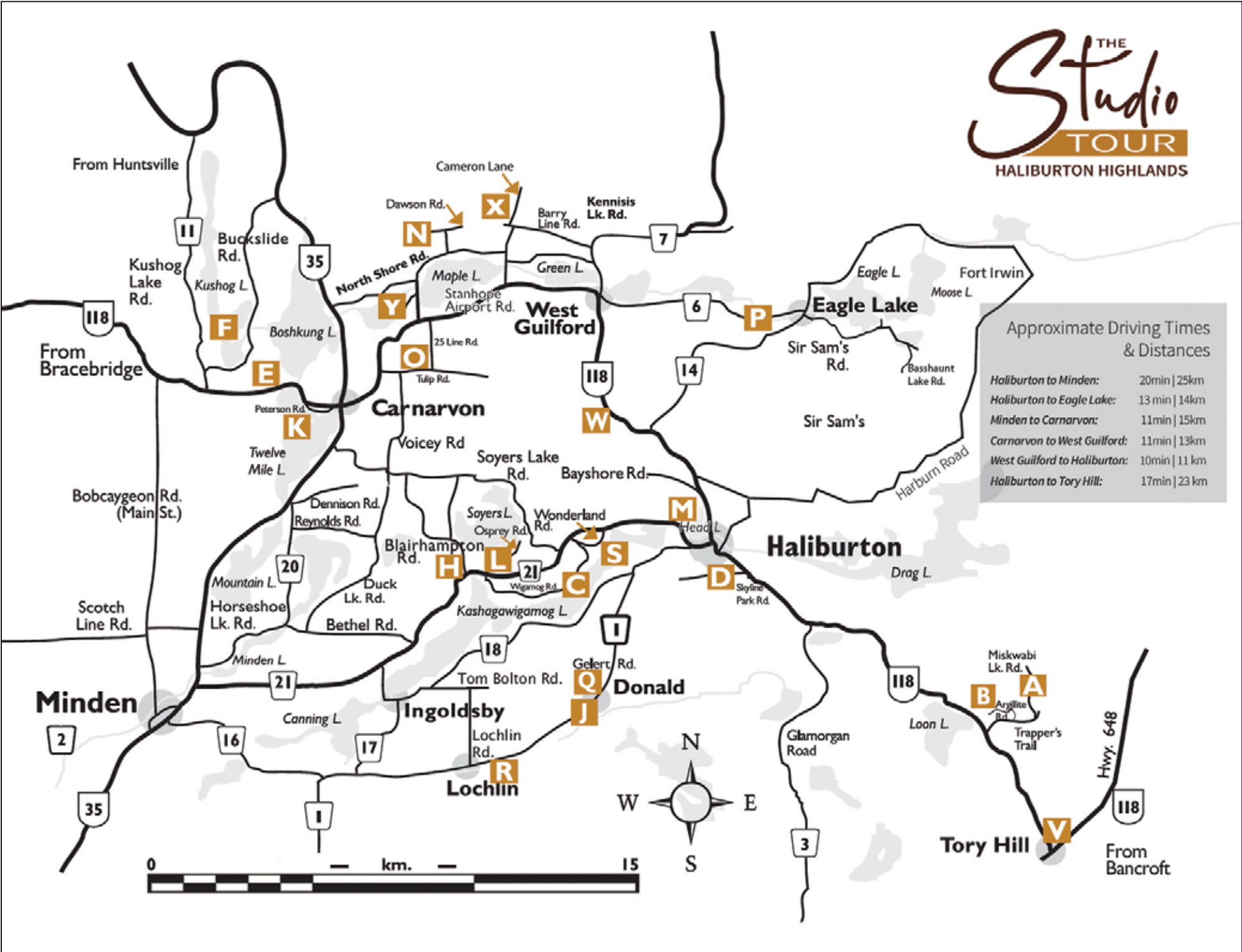
the two speed radars that were placed on the eastern sections of North Shore Road, and St. Peter’s Road were not strategically located. One was in a spot quite short in length which rarely sees much by way of speeding, and the other was placed immediately following a fairly substantial curve which tends to slow down even the most irresponsible of drivers to where they are at least somewhere around the speed limit before they accelerate out of the corner into the straightaway, which is where the radar could most tellingly have been placed.

Placing these as they were was quite certain to generate data that would skew the overall picture artificially low.

I don’t attribute this to any negligence on the part of staff. It is a tangled question, and I believe that either a serious collision or heavier OPP enforcement will be all that resolves this.

Meanwhile, I would ask council to believe us when we say that we do not always feel safe walking or cycling, and I would ask local tradesmen and contractors, who by my observation tend to be the most reckless on this road, to take a breath and slow down.

Doug Norris
Maple Lake



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Peter Emmink and Joyce Pruyers-Emmink at Ivy Cottage Fusion Arts. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Art and beer on tour

By Lisa Gervais

Peter Emmink and Joyce Pruyers-Emmink are busy tidying up their Dawson Road, Algonquin Highlands property in preparation for The Studio Tour Haliburton Highlands Oct. 5-6 and Oct. 12-13.

The falling maple leaves are their biggest challenge as the 37th iteration of the tour sets to launch this weekend.

In addition to hosting folks at their Ivy Cottage Fusion Arts studio, the fused glass creators are spokespeople for the fall classic.

"We've been working madly in the yard, trying to get things cleaned up for the tour," Peter said.

Discussing this year's tour, which launched in 1987, the Emminks said there are three new artists.

The first is Susan Hay. She paints uniquely-textured, colourful, acrylic landscapes. The second is Allison Barrow, who does watercolours, and is a guest at studio (V), home to Artech Studios.

The final addition is Deborah McInnes, who is Albert Cote's wife. Cote teaches at Haliburton School of Art + Design. McInnes owned and operated a quilt shop for years, and has had pieces at the Houston Quilt Market. They are guests of the Emminks.

The three were chosen from eight applicants by a jury. Joyce said, "we have quite a large jurying team because we want to keep the quality. I think that is probably one of our key goals, to always keep it interesting, but the quality has to be (there)."

Sustainability

When the Emminks were first on the Studio Tour in the early 1990s, they said 1,000 people would come through their doors on a weekend. Now, they get about 500 over the four days of the two weekends. Some studios get 700-800, "but it's not the numbers that we saw," Joyce said.

"Back then, we were one of the first tours that started up. I think that was a key piece. We would get people from all over; Toronto, Ottawa and London. We get some of those people, but certainly... considering how we had to advertise in those days, we didn't have social media, reaching out to those far regions was tough but we still got that volume."

Joyce said they get cottagers these days who tell them they have been coming for 25 and 30 years, but many are downsizing and not buying as much art.

Peter added they are trying to get younger people out, and are ramping up social media, "because that's how they get around." They said millennials like digital, such as the Toureka app, so they are printing fewer brochures.

The Studio Tour remains stable, which Peter attributes to the quality of art, as well as the region. "It's so inspiring. Our artists take great pride in creating in the Highlands and sharing it with people."

Joyce added a chance to learn at the various studios keeps people's interest. It's a way to attract younger artists, too. A former teacher and special educator, Joyce said making art is so good for mental health.

Beer

This year also sees the release of The Studio Tour beer, in conjunction with Boshkung Brewing. Fernando Diaz de Leon Rendon created the logo. Folks can have a taste at the Emminks the first Saturday, and April Gates' studio (Q) the second Saturday.

The Studio Tour is self-guided from Tory Hill in the east to Carnarvon in the west. There are 29 new and returning artists working in textile and fabric art, painting, leatherwork, glasswork, fine jewellery, photography, quilting, pottery, metal art, ceramics and more.

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Happy birthday SIRCH

SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson cuts a cake to mark the organization’s 35th birthday Oct. 1. Robertson said, “thirty-five years ago today, I was the only employee in a tiny little office building... I think three offices, trying to hire parent support workers.” The first employees of SIRCH were four part-timers, Robertson said, “and we’ve grown. It’s been quite an adventure. Anybody who was there near the beginning... will remember I used to always say, ‘I’m never going to work in one place longer than five years.’ It’s a team effort always. Without the people that are working on the front lines, it’s about the partners in the community, the board members who provide governance, the volunteers who work their hearts out for passion and purpose. The donors who allow us to make things like Community Kitchen meals. It’s just a huge collective effort. Haliburton County is one of the best places to find those connections... we’re just a very giving community.” *(Lisa Gervais).*



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United Way City of Kawartha Lakes co-executive director, Shantal Ingram, Carnarvon Family Golf owner, Chris Near, Boshkung Brewing co-owner, Mathew Renda, and UW CKL co-executive director, Emily Beall, at the Haliburton County campaign launch. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

United Way drives into Hali campaign

By Lisa Gervais

United Way City of Kawartha Lakes teed off its annual Haliburton region campaign launch at Carnarvon Family Golf Sept. 26.

Co-executive director, Shantal Ingram, said it's important for them to have a presence in Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County.

She said in the last year, or so, they had supported programs in the Highlands through their community capacity grant, as well as

from their food security farm.

They have supported SIRCH and Point in Time, and noted an LCBO campaign is underway for donations at the till – until the first week of October. The four Haliburton County stores raise money for children and youth through Point in Time, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and EarlyON programs.

Co-executive director, Emily Beall, said some of the fresh produce from Edward Binney's community farm and education

centre in Lindsay is distributed through Haliburton Highlands Health Services, to the Minden Community Food Centre, some community housing sites, and Meals on Wheels programs. "The health services help us distribute it to as many clients as possible in the region," she added.

Ingram said in 2022 and 2023, more than 3,000 pounds of food had been donated into Haliburton County.

The agency recently had a name change

approved - to United Way Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes. Beall said they are just waiting on the logo from United Way Canada, "then we'll be a better representation of the region."

The afternoon offered people a chance, for \$15, to try out the mini putt and driving range, and sample Boshkung Brewing's Paddle with Purpose beer, with the label specifically made for United Way CKL.

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Folks from all over flew into the popular fall fly-in at Stanhope Airport in Haliburton County Sept. 28. The event featured old and unique, and newer, more conventional planes, as well as classic cars from across the Highlands. Pilots, drivers, and enthusiasts enjoyed the weather, wandering from fire trucks with firefighters, to food vendors, and taking paid sightseeing tours of the area in either a plane or helicopter.

Top: A plane flies overhead. Above left: Pilot Hannu Halminen and his friend Harry Skead. Above right: L-R: Keith Francis, Adam Thorn, and Kaylee Francis Carroll worked the event. Top right: John and Louise Jackson at the classic car show. Middle right: Dzintra Schlotter, Ace Dies, Austin Dies, Daisy Dies, and Leah Dies enjoy a family day out. Right: A sightseeing helicopter takes off. *Photos by Justin Belanger.*



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- World-renowned local artists Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward with their exhibit *Burner Herzog* is on display at The Agnes Jamieson Gallery until November 23. Admission by donation.
- Attention all crafters! The UFO Group is meeting at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Friday, Oct. 3 from 1-3 pm. Bring a beverage, a snack and your unfinished project to work on.
- Join local artists Gary Blundell, Victoria Ward and Orillia-based filmmaker Jordan Vandenberg at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery on Saturday, October 19 at 2 pm for the screening of two documentaries: *Burner Herzog* and *Cobalt Blooms*. The screening will be followed by a Q & A with the filmmaker and artists. Admission is by donation.

For more information on all the programs and exhibits email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and with electronic participation. Meetings begin at 9:00 am unless otherwise noted. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- October 10 – Regular Council Meeting
- October 31 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal.

CONFIDENTIAL PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

Back by popular demand! The Township is hosting another confidential paper shredding event Saturday, October 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Scotch Line Landfill. Please bring a food or toiletry donation to be donated to the local Minden Community Food Centre.

Royals relinquish crown to Huskies

By Mike Baker

Haliburton County Huskies centreman Nathan Poole said confidence is high inside the home locker room after the blue and white extended its Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL) winning streak to four games this past weekend.

The 20-year-old, an off-season acquisition from the Ontario Hockey League's Kingston Frontenacs, was in tremendous form Saturday as he put up five points in a 6-3 demolition of the Markham Royals at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Centre.

The win propelled the hometown team to second in the East Conference, tied with Stouffville Spirit on 12 points with identical 6-3-0 records.

Four-hundred-and-fifteen fans were treated to an offensive spectacle capped by Poole's one goal, four assist performance and a hat-trick from 20-year-old winger Deandres De Jesus.

The Huskies took a while to grow into the game, finding themselves on the backfoot early on, Ethan Wright handing the Royals a powerplay opportunity six minutes in after being called for hooking. Corbin Votary stood tall in the home goal, turning away a couple of decent scoring chances.

Finding their groove midway through the period, the Huskies drew first blood – Adam Smeeton notching his fourth of the season at 10:27, assisted by Alex Bradshaw and Camron Hankai. Teen sensation Sam Black doubled the scoring five minutes later, with the 17-year-old helping himself to his seventh goal in as many games, assisted by Poole and Ty Petrou.

De Jesus added a pair of powerplay markers early in the second, teed up on both by Poole and blueliner Carson Littlejohn.

Markham showed some fight as the middle frame drew on, getting on the board at 8:21 through Josh Caloiero. Julian Mandarino briefly gave the visitors hope of a third period comeback, adding a second road goal at 18:01, before De Jesus completed his individual rout with another powerplay



Alternate captain Ty Petrou goes hard on the forecheck in Saturday's 6-3 win over Markham. Photo by Justin Belanger.

goal at 19:58.

The third was a largely tepid affair, with the result a formality. Ashton Miwa threatened another Royals revival 9:51 in but the Huskies held on, with Poole firing a late empty-netter with 42 seconds remaining on the clock.

Head coach and general manager Ryan Ramsay said it's been encouraging seeing his young side make such a strong start to the season.

"Hats off to everyone. The guys are buying in, everyone is getting on the same page, which is giving us some positive results.

We're getting some solid goaltending by both goalies as well – things have been great the last couple weeks," he said.

He praised Poole and De Jesus for their contributions – the centreman is in a five-way tie atop the league's points chart with 16 from 8 games. De Jesus is one of only six players to hit eight goals in the season's opening month.

"[Poole's] numbers speak for themselves, but he's also a good kid in the locker room. He talks and works a lot with the younger guys. He was a good player in the OHL, and we were lucky to get him. Poolie has done

everything we've asked for and more so far," Ramsay said.

"With Deandres, I watched a lot of game tape on him over the summer. I remembered him from our games [with the Caledon Admirals] last year. He can score and he's the hot hand in the league right now," he added.

The coach said he expects young forward Chase Del Colombo to return for this weekend's games with the Niagara Falls Canucks and Milton Menace. They host Niagara in Minden Oct. 5, puck drop at 4 p.m., and travel to the GTA Oct. 6.

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Saving textiles from the landfill

In a collaborative effort, the Haliburton School of Art + Design paired with the Municipality of Dysart et al Sept. 28 in an attempt to reduce the amount of textile waste going to landfills. During their inaugural Great Haliburton Clothing Swap event, volunteers were happy to help with any questions and there was even a repair table set up for clothes and small household items. Textiles can often be reused, repurposed or recycled.

Top: Staff volunteer Sarah Bell at a rack of clothes. Middle: Joanne Yano at the repair table. Above: Christel Furniss browses pre-loved clothes. *Photos by Justin Belanger.*



Hali shows its true colours

The annual Fall ColourFest facilitated by the Municipality of Dysart et al in Haliburton did not disappoint this year, especially with the unseasonably warm weather. Head Lake Park was the location that brought everyone together to celebrate fall and the Autumn Equinox. The pumpkin-rolling contest was enjoyed by all with prizes for each age category, just one of the many events to happen at the festival. The Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers’ classic cars were on full display, sparkling in the sunshine, while Pockets the Clown delighted the kids with her facepainting. After a fun game of Cornhole, you could play some inflatable games like basketball or axe throwing, and top it all off with a fluffy pink cloud of cotton candy. A great way for the family and kids of all ages to get outside and enjoy the start of the fall season.

Above: Pockets the Clown, with Skylar and Mila showing off their painted faces. Right: Dave Pratt and Debbie Boyd browsed vendor booths. Photos by Justin Belanger.



Tips for writers at book-reading event

Fay Martin, a close colleague of the late David Pate - who authored a book about national anthems - has partnered with the Arts Council – Haliburton Highlands to bring Pate’s book to the County during an Oct. 10 event.

Martin said another Major of Fine Arts colleague, Helga Rausch, who is a 38-year veteran in the Canadian Armed Forces, will also read from her to-be-published book *Leaders All: Women in the Armed Forces since WWII*.

Martin said a discussion with the audience, “will explore what writers need to

support their work, both at the writing and the marketing phase.

“Writing a book is hard work, but getting it out into the world to be read is even more difficult,” she said.

Pate wrote a book about national anthems, “which you wouldn’t think is a very interesting topic. But you’d be wrong: Pate, a long-term CBC Radio host in Halifax, applied his slightly bent research skills and acerbic wit to make the subject sing,” Martin said.

“In *The Worst Songs in the World: the Terrible Truth about National Anthems*,

Pate says they lean tremendously toward being violent, sexist and religious. They wouldn’t exist if there weren’t wars and professional sports – and the Olympics.

“Singing together is useful, perhaps even necessary, to make a disparate population feel unified and focused on a common goal. Pate wishes this power might be reflected in less gory and divisive lyrics, but he finds some heart-warming examples of bad words being put to good use.”

She said Pate died, young and unexpectedly, before his book was published. His colleagues in the Master of

Fine Arts in Creative Non-Fiction program at University of King’s College, Halifax, have shouldered the burden of helping to market his book by hosting a series of launches across the country.

The event, co-sponsored by the Arts Council – Haliburton Highlands and the University of King’s College MFA program, will take place at the Dominion Hotel, 5 p.m.-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 10. Martin said it is “pay what you wish.” light snacks provided, food and drink available at cost. Pre-registration via haliburtonarts.on.ca/events1. (Lisa Gervais).



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Arts extravaganza to raise money for hospital

By Lisa Gervais

Thirty-six years ago, Chris Bishop published a photography book entitled *Haliburton Highlands*.

But he could not have put that coffee table book out if not for the monetary support of local businesses.

Once the book was printed, Bishop had artist David Alexander Risk do original wildlife study sketches in some of them. These books were then given to the business people who had supported the creation and printing of the book.

Bishop still has two of these books with the sketches, and they are the inspiration for the fundraiser he is calling the Haliburton Highlands Arts Extravaganza.

He worked with the The Arts Council - Haliburton Highlands and identified 13 local artists to complete sketches and art in the 13 books he has left. These will be auctioned Oct. 19 as part of a fundraiser for diagnostic imaging equipment at Haliburton hospital.

The event will be held at Sir Sam's and feature entertainment by Carl Dixon, high-end appetizers, door prizes, silent and live auction.

It's also where the winner of the online auction for an Ethel Curry painting will be announced. Brick House on Highlands Street, circa 1932, can be found on the HHHSF website.

Bishop said it all started as a simple idea of selling some raffle tickets over the summer when cottagers and tourists were in the

Highlands. It has since morphed into a gala fundraiser. He said Dale Walker and Klara Oyler are working with him. His job is talking to the artists, collecting their work, getting door prizes and auction items.

In a room in his house, he has items piled up. He anticipates about 20 door prizes and 50 silent auction items. He pulls out one that will see Chris and Greg Bishop take four people on a fishing trip that includes overnight accommodation. "Chef Chris and sous chef Greg are going to cook your dinner and breakfast," he says with a laugh. "So, that's a unique item." There are puzzles, made of memorabilia from 56 years at the ski hill, and produced by Michael Bainbridge and Brigitte Gall from The Occurrence. Greg Gillespie has carved a bird.

Bishop said the main event goes from 6-9 p.m. at the ski chalet. He said Foodland is providing the cheese and crackers, McFadden's shrimp, and the Independent all the desserts. Sir Sam's has donated the chalet space.

Following the silent auction, the Ethel Curry painting winning bid will be announced, then the art and books will be live auctioned by Gordon Cressy.

"This started out to be a \$20,000-\$30,000 fundraiser, but we're hoping for \$75,000-\$100,000," Bishop said.

It's a personal thing for him. "Especially as we get older. I know two people who have had CT scans already. If they couldn't have done it in Haliburton, they had to get driven



Chris Bishop is behind the Haliburton Highlands Arts Extravaganza. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

somewhere else. People are elderly and it's complicated and it's upsetting." Even for x-rays, he said the diagnostic equipment at the hospital is outdated.

He added, "it's going to help to attract more doctors to the County because of the specialized equipment."

Bishop is unveiling the 13 artists on Facebook as he goes. So far, Mary Intven

Wallace, Wendy Wood, Susan Hay, Sandy Slote, Harvey Walker, Lynda Moffatt, Terry Sullivan, Chuck Lewis, Robert Van Nood, Janet Trull and John Lennard have been announced.

"Everybody just realizes the value of what this equipment means to Haliburton," Bishop said.

To get tickets, go to hhhs.ca/foundation.

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Oct. 4, 1 to 3 p.m.

Join local crafters at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre's UnFinished Objects (UFO) craft group, where you can work on your unfinished projects with others in the Welch room. Enjoy a relaxing session with your project two Fridays per month. Future fall gathering dates are Oct. 18, Nov. 8 and 22, and Dec. 6 and 20. The cultural centre is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Rd.

Oct. 5, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Snowflake Meadows microchip clinic at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association fish hatchery, located at 6712 Gelert Rd. Cost is \$40 per microchip, or \$50 for a microchip and nail trim. Walk-ins welcome but appointments will be prioritized. Book your spot at snowflakemeadowsrescue@gmail.com or 289-338-3429.

Oct. 5, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Studio Tour lunch stop and bake sale at St. Peter's Church, located at 1213 St. Peter's Rd. on Maple Lake. Lunch is soup and a sandwich. Contact Sandra Edwards at 705-489-1695 for more information.

Oct. 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Toss it away? No way! SIRCH Community Services is hosting its latest repair cafe with another special twist - volunteers with the Haliburton County Public Library will be on-hand to teach about Frankentoy, mixing and matching of different toys, hands-on robotics, 3D doodlers and more. Taking place at the SIRCH Bistro and Bakery.

Oct. 9, 7 to 8 p.m.

100 Women Who Care Haliburton will meet at the Minden Curling Club to select a local charity to support. The organization meets three times per year to choose a County-based charity to support,

with three options nominated by members and one selected as beneficiary. We are very close to having 100 women in our group - contact 100wwchaliburton@gmail.com to learn more.

Oct. 9, 7 to 9 p.m.

This month's 'Telling our Stories' speaker series event features Dr. Ralph DaCosta, a biomedical physicist with over 30 years' experience in breast cancer research. He will take the audience on a journey from the "eureka moment" of invention through the intricate process of research and development, culminating in the launching of a company dedicated to wound care and cancer surgery applications. Taking place at the HHOA fish hatchery at 6712 Gelert Rd. Cost is \$15 at the door. Pre-register by contacting barrieinthehighlands@gmail.com or calling 705-457-7557.

Oct. 10, 5 p.m.

The Arts Council - Haliburton Highlands and University of King's College are partnering for a local book reading, featuring the late David Pate's piece *The Worst Songs in the World: the Terrible Truth about National Anthems* and Helga Rausch's *Leaders All: Women in the Armed Forces since WWII*. Taking place in the boatroom at the Dominion Hotel. Attendance by donation, light snacks provided.

Oct. 11, 1:30 to 7 p.m. THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

Fun-raiser for Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary at Sir Sam's Ski Resort.

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Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129

Haliburton weekly activities

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Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. between September and June.

Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall. Bingo is back. There's a \$1,000 jackpot on the first Wednesday of the month.

Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Fridays: Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.

Saturdays: 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each, available in the Clubroom.

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Saturdays: Meat Roll at 3 p.m. Oct. 5 is turkeys and hams for Thanksgiving.

Oct. 19 - Loonie auction at 7 p.m. Prizes include a Blackstone griddle, money trees, scratch ticket bundles, grocery gift cards, and much more. Bid items will be posted online at coboconklegion.ca. Admission is free, with food bank donations accepted. For more information contact Legion 705-454-8127

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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of
Patricia Jean Fraser
October 13, 1942 - September 27, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Patricia Jean Fraser, who left this world peacefully at the age of 81, after a short and courageous battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of almost 60 years, Doug Fraser, with whom she shared a lifetime of love and partnership. Pat and Doug are together again in heaven.

Pat was a warm and loving person, whose smile would light up any room she entered. She was the cherished mother of Heather Kaine (Andy Kenins) and Cameron Fraser (Tricha Fraser) and the adored grandmother of Emily and Jack Kaine and Myles and Tiffany Fraser with whom she would talk and laugh for hours on end. She was predeceased by her brother, Elford Verral (Kathy Verral) and the beloved Aunt of Julie, Jennifer and Daniel Verral and Jason, Kevin and Annemarie Fraser. The owner of many "free" dogs, Pat instilled a love of animals in her children. She will be missed by her grandchildren Julia and Ella.

A natural host, Pat was known for the joy she brought to those around her. Her home was the heart of many wonderful gatherings. Fletcher Valley pool parties were legendary with hours of music recorded from the albums of neighbourhood teenagers. Pat was actively engaged in her community. She was district camp advisor for the Girl Guides and encouraged her family to spend time in the great outdoors hiking, camping, swimming and singing around the campfire - rain or shine. Retiring to Haliburton County in 2004 she became an active and devoted member of St. Peter's Church where she could be found volunteering at pancake breakfasts, salad suppers, Highland teas, Thanksgiving dinners and Sunday services. Her presence will be sorely missed, but her legacy of love, faith, and friendship will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Thank you to Pat's team at the Durham Region Cancer Centre, Lakeridge Health Oshawa, for their care and compassion and for the extra time we are grateful to have had with our mother.

Pat's life was filled with love and laughter. A celebration of her life will take place on October 19, 2024 at 11:00am at St. Peter's Church, 1213 St. Peters Road, Algonquin Highlands. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the Canadian Cancer Society in Pat's memory.

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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of
**Judith Bunville
(nee Laronde)**
(Resident of Fenelon Falls)

It is with our deepest sorrow that we announce the passing of Judith Ann Bunville (nee Laronde) on Monday, September 23rd, 2024, with her family by her side. Judy was the loving wife and best friend of Edward for 61 years.

She was the loving mother of Lisa, Tracy (Kevin), and Jennifer (Mike). Loving grandmother to Shanese, Anikka (Clayton), Cole (Emma), Katryl, A.J., Sarah (Adam), and Michael (Kaela). "GIGI" to Madelyn, Annabelle, CJ, Callan, and Parker, and Granny to Landon, Nala, and Addyson. Sister to Bruce Laronde. She will be sadly missed by her many nieces, nephews, and very close friends.

Judy touched many hearts and was loved by so many people. She had so many talents and accomplishments; folk art painting, studio tours, craft shows, and was an active member of the Kinmount Artisan Marketplace for many years.

Judy's greatest accomplishment of all was her family. She truly was one of a kind. Anyone fortunate enough to know her will remember her loving and infectious smile, her laugh, her friendship, but most of all her huge heart.

It's never "goodbye" it's "We'll see you later"

Private Funeral Arrangements

To honour Judy's wishes, a private family gathering will be held prior to cremation. As an expression of sympathy, donations can be made to a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **COBOCONK COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 6644 Hwy. #35 Coboconk, Ontario (705) 454-3913.



In Loving Memory of
**Janet Tedford
(nee Fleming)**

Peacefully at her home on September 25, 2024, Janet Grace Tedford (nee Fleming) was reunited with her husband. Beloved wife of the late Doug Tedford. She was predeceased by her parents Jack and Jean. Loving sister to Mary (Bob), and a cherished Aunt to Christopher (Danielle), and Michelle (Kevin.) Great aunt to Max, Megan, and Connor. Jan devoted her early years to being an elementary school teacher by profession. Jan and Doug moved to Minden in the 1980s where she worked various different jobs. You could find her behind the wheel of the school bus, busy working at the Kosy Korner, or even at the Pinestone. Jan was well-loved for her years of dedication at the Haliburton United Church. A lover of animals all her life, Jan was avidly involved with Standard Poodles in Need (SPIN) and various other dog and rescue organizations. Jan will be missed by her many close friends and family.

Celebration of Life

Friends and family are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON UNITED CHURCH** 10 George St., Haliburton, Ontario for a service celebrating Jan's life on October 8, 2024, beginning at 11:00, with a time of remembrance beginning one hour prior. As an expression of sympathy donations can be made to SPIN or Snowflake Meadows in Jan's honour. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



In Loving Memory of
Irma Pasquino

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital surrounded by her family on Friday evening, September 27, 2024 in her 73rd year. Beloved wife and best friend of Don Pasquino for almost 57 years. Loving mother of Heather (Chris) and Carrie (Greg). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Morgan, Carson (Kala), Samantha (Thomas), Benjamin and by her great grandchildren Noah, Nathan and Amelia. Dear sister of Pearl, Vera and Nancy (Jim). Predeceased by brothers Max and Frank. Also lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews and by her best friend Barb. Irma was a hard worker, dedicated, fighter, survivor and more importantly a friend to all. She loved her family, friends and Bingo.

Celebration of Life

Friends and family are invited to visit with the family at the **HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS OUTDOORS ASSOCIATION FISH HATCHERY**, 6712 Gelert Road, Haliburton Saturday afternoon, October 12th from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. As an expression of sympathy donations to Brooksong Retreat & Cancer Support Centre (A Warm Hug From The Highlands) or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



In Loving Memory of
Charles "Charlie" Muli

Passed away peacefully at Highland Wood LTC, Haliburton on Friday, September 27, 2024, at the age of 77.

Beloved husband of Ethel. Dear father of Ann Marie of British Columbia and Michael of Coboconk. Loving gramps to Loic and Sebastien. Dear brother of Rose Marie, Lillian and brother-in-law of Ross, Bill and Jeanette. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

A Private Celebration of Charlie's Life will take place at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Parkinson Canada (cheques only) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



In Loving Memory of
**Melody Lenné Anna Gaspari
(nee McGuire)**

Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at the age of 63.

Beloved wife of Terry. Dear mother of Kylie and her husband Steve, and loving nana to Steven. Dear sister of Shane and his wife Brenda, Kelly and her husband Roger, and predeceased by David, Conway, and Erin. Daughter of the late Ilen and Douglas McGuire. Daughter in-law to Marlene, sister-in-law to Leo (Helen) and Andrew. Fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Friday, October 4, 2024 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Lenné's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Interment at Maple Lake Cemetery, Algonquin Highlands.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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- 1 Table shaker contents
 - 5 Family show rating
 - 9 Vouches for
 - 14 "Garfield" drooler
 - 15 Feast translated as "young taro tops"
 - 16 Flashy style
 - 17 Horror's Chucky, for one
 - 18 National survey output
 - 20 Reach toothbrush rival
 - 22 Study of right and wrong
 - 23 Capote thriller about the Clutter family murders
 - 26 ___ card (cell phone part)
 - 29 ___ a soul (no one)
 - 30 Like a belly laugh
 - 32 Palindromic constellation
 - 35 Canadian coffee brand
 - 38 Clue weapon
 - 39 Recalling only what one chooses to
 - 43 Rival grp. of Agent 86
 - 44 Verbally swipe
 - 45 "The Simpsons" character with a New York accent
 - 46 Metal recyclable
 - 49 ___ door (onesie back flap)
 - 51 Vein pursuit?
 - 52 Soul-soothing diet
 - 58 Walk with a wobble
 - 60 Burn with a curling iron, maybe
 - 61 Lets destiny decide, in a way
 - 65 French novelist Emile
 - 66 Old school copier, for short
 - 67 Turkey ___ (post-Thanksgiving dinner drowsiness)
 - 68 The E of E=mc2: Abbr.
 - 69 Ship's after area
 - 70 Hockey level between Novice and Pee-Wee
 - 71 Wine menu heading
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 - 2 Affix with baubles and beads
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- 7 Group of contestants or judges
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- 10 Band with a lightning bolt symbol
- 11 There's a lesson in there
- 12 Word after Crazy or Kit
- 13 Subway map dot: Abbr.
- 19 "This can't be good"
- 21 Mel or Mont
- 24 "Dagnabbit!"
- 25 Way to compete on eBay
- 27 One who might tell you to boot it
- 28 "Poppycock!"
- 31 Pitcher's asset
- 32 Invite as one's date for
- 33 Broadcast again
- 34 Just-me period
- 36 Word form for "egg"
- 37 ___ differ
- 40 PC panic button
- 41 "Chloe ___," comedic novel by Milne
- 42 "La Louisianne" and "La Californie," e.g.
- 47 Takes steps to heed
- 48 The "N" of N.B.
- 50 Moderna vaccine alternative
- 53 Tourist draw
- 54 ___ Loops (cereal)
- 55 ___'s own
- 56 Took a good, bad look
- 57 Cherished darlings
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- 62 Boozed right up
- 63 Texter's "what I think is"
- 64 "Apocalypse Now" setting, briefly

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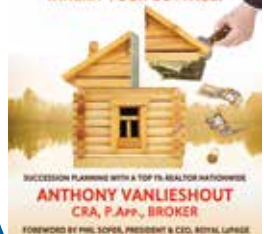
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- 4.8 acre lot, 500 feet frontage on pristine lake
- Lakeside dock, decking areas, firepit, perennial gardens
- New air conditioner, new high end wind resistant shingles
- Wood airtight on granite stone hearth, glass wall walkout



MCCUE CREEK • \$797,700

- 3,000 sq. ft. Viceroy style 4 bedroom home
- 114 ft frontage of spring fed lake
- Wrap around deck, above ground pool
- 3 car garage with man door, shed, dock
- Full finished basement, turn key ready



FOURTH LANE • \$289,900

- 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom home in Hunter Creek Estates
- Detached double car garage, sunroom, paved driveway
- Deck, updated windows, air conditioning
- Level lot, ample storage, propane fireplace
- Short drive to all amenities, turn key ready

Chris was friendly and knowledgeable about the cottage market and helped us to make our purchase! Great support.

Rosslyn Young



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